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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 933

By Walker

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Claborne Floyd and Ella Marie Hall Wilson on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 1952, Claborne Floyd (Bud) Wilson, Jr. and Ella Marie Hall were joined in holy matrimony at the Big Lick Presbyterian Church in Crossville by the Reverend Eugene Smathers; and

WHEREAS, since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been highly respected citizens of the Cumberland County community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, a man of courageous character, Mr. Wilson bravely served his country in the United States Navy during the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, after his service in the Navy, Mr. Wilson served with acumen and alacrity as a farmer in the Linary community in which position he epitomized the values of hard work, patience, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, in addition to farming, Mr. Wilson has been an active member of the Cumberland County Farm Bureau, serving on the Board of Directors for 37 years in various positions, including Vice President and President; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding leader, Mr. Wilson has also provided guidance in the area of agriculture through his work with the Cumberland Farm Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his diligent service, he was presented, in 1997, the prestigious Outstanding Service Award by the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation; he has also received the Friends of Farming Award given by the Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce and Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson is enjoying her much deserved retirement from the Cumberland County Department of Health, where she assiduously worked for many years as a registered nurse; and

WHEREAS, she also has been deeply committed to promoting agricultural leadership through her exemplary efforts with the Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson was elected Chairperson of the Farm Bureau Women in 1991 and began to serve on the local Board; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Mrs. Wilson, the Cumberland County Farm Bureau Women have excelled in their promotional activities, including the acclaimed Ag-in-the Classroom Farm Tour program with the Cumberland County School System; and

WHEREAS, for their remarkable contributions to the Cumberland County community, the Wilsons received the Cumberland County Farm Bureau Outstanding Service Award in 2001; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced four children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Wilsons' children are: Al Wilson

and his wife, Debby; Jan and her husband, Jerry York; Suzy and her husband, Mark Burris; and Clay Wilson; and

WHEREAS, the Wilsons are also the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren, Robby, Lindsey and Danny Wilson; J. C. and Nate York; and Chris and Beki Burris; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their work with the Farm Bureau, the Wilsons enjoy camping and spending time with their family; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Wilsons' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Claborne Floyd and Ella Marie Hall Wilson on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.